

Ship Shape

South Carolina's Charleston Harbor has been a busy port of changing significance. Initially crucial for colonial trade, it soon became the grim focal point of the transatlantic slave trade. Today, it is a bustling hub for shipping vessels, cruise ships, fishermen, and leisure boaters.

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Queen Anne's Revenge was the flagship of the pirate Blackbeard's fleet. It stopped here in Charleston Harbor in May 1718 when the pirates stopped in the city for food, supplies, and medicine.



Clotilda was the last ship to transport enslaved people from Africa to the Americas via the Middle Passage. More than 40% of all enslaved people brought into the Colonies passed through Charleston Harbor.



Caroline was the first European ship to land in Charleston. Some 130 settlers arrived on this ship in April 1670, with many more colonists to come.



CSS Planter was a Confederate ship during the Civil War. Robert Smalls, an enslaved man, famously commandeered the ship for the Union in 1862.

Carolina Currency

In Colonial South Carolina, paper currency featured intricate designs to reflect the region's prosperity. Common motifs included depictions of agricultural staples like rice and indigo, and powerful allusions to Greco-Roman mythology.

Who or what should be depicted on American money today?









